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TELEPHONE GIRL FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

A train-automobile collision in Pikeville last Saturday night about nine o'clock resulted in fatal injury to Miss Irma Morrison, a telephone operator. The automobile in which Miss Morrison, of Williamson, W. Va., Miss Emma Blankenship, of Louisa, and J. K. Charles and F. S. Huffman, of Pikeville, were driving was struck by C. and O. passenger train No. 38 on a street crossing.

The automobile was on the railroad track before the occupants discovered the train which was backing and almost to them. Miss Morrison jumped from the car and was hit by the train and dragged a considerable distance. Her foot was almost cut off, her back was broken and her left side badly injured.

The driver tried to back from the crossing but before he could do so the automobile was struck by the train and was carried along the track about eighty feet. The three people remaining in the car were not hurt.

Miss Morrison was taken at once by special train to a hospital in Ashland. She lived until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morrison of Williamson, W. Va. She was employed as telephone operator in Pikeville and was regarded as an efficient employee. She was in Louisa a while before going to Pikeville.

The funeral and burial took place at Williamson on Wednesday.

YOUNG MAN KILLS FATHER AND WOUNDS BROTHER

Jackson, Ky.—No effort has been to arrest Ova L. Spicer, 25 years old, who shot and killed his father, James Spicer, 70, and wounded his brother, Floyd, 23.

The young man is at his home, two miles from this city, and has made no effort to escape. One of his brothers is quoted as saying that his father fired twice before the son shot him. Floyd Spicer was shot through the arm when he tried to lift the body of his father from a creek into which it had fallen.

ANOTHER TRUSTY ESCAPES FROM KY. PENITENTIARY

Frankfort, Ky.—The daring escape of Julius Babey, Louisville wife murderer and night trusty, has bewildered penitentiary officials. He is believed to have fled in an automobile brought to the reformatory by two men who visited him, who said they were cousins.

Daylight revealed Babey's plan of escape. It was a part of his duties as night trusty to cook supper for the reformatory engineer and firemen and serve it to them. He delivered the food at 9 o'clock and instead of going to bed clambered over the stone wall into the stockade and crawled to freedom under the gate to the stockade thru which freight cars are switched.

Babey has been in the penitentiary since June 7, 1919. He killed his wife after chasing her from home, firing two shots into her body as she fell at the door of a neighbor's house. He then pursued and wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Thorp.

SHOT BY RELATIVE.

The Williamson, W. Va., News says: As the result of an altercation Rhuel Hodge, living on the Kentucky side of the Tug River near the mouth of Pond creek, was slightly wounded when he was shot by a relative.

On information received by telephone, state police stationed here took up the trail of young Hodge, who had come to the West Virginia side of the river immediately after the shooting.

It was found that the boy had gone in the direction of Chattanooga, and on information dispatched from here he was apprehended by state police early this afternoon. He is in the county jail awaiting removal to Pikeville, Ky. He has agreed to go without waiting for a requisition.

FUNERAL OF C. B. BUSSEY.

The body of C. B. Bussey, whose death occurred in Bowling Green arrived in Louisa Thursday evening of last week and was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carter. The body was accompanied here by the wife and children and two brothers, H. W. and J. C. Bussey, Jr. On Friday morning it was conveyed to Busseyville to the home of his father, F. R. Bussey.

Funeral services were held Saturday at ten o'clock from the Busseyville church where a large gathering of relatives and friends assembled to pay a tribute of respect to the well known young man. The sermon was preached by Rev. John Cheap, pastor of the M. E. Church of Louisa. Rev. Sparks also took part in the services.

A number of relatives and friends from Louisa attended the funeral. Burial took place in the family burying ground.

T. L. MOORE PARALYZED.

Thos. L. Moore is very ill at his home at Mattie, having suffered a stroke of paralysis on last Monday evening about five o'clock. This is the second stroke he has had. Although he has revived slightly, his physicians have but little hope of his recovery.

DOWER IN OIL ROYALTIES DUE WIDOW, IS RULING

Frankfort, Ky.—A widow is entitled to dower in oil royalties, the Court of Appeals held in an opinion by Chief Justice Hunt in the case of M. S. Crain against Paula McIntosh, widow of Silas McIntosh. She is to receive one-eighth of an eighth royalty in sixty-eight acres on Ross Creek. Still recently, an one-third of an eighth in fifty acres on Big Lick, both producing properties.

PARTIES WILL SHARE IN FORCE AT PRISON

Frankfort, Ky.—The personnel of the Frankfort Reformatory force will be equally divided between Democrats and Republicans, it was announced by Henry V. Bantlin, who became superintendent March 15. He will add to the force only Democrats until the two parties are equally represented.

HUNTINGTON-WASHINGTON PULLMAN GOES ON SUNDAY

Another improvement in Huntington-New York railroad service will be effected by the C. & O. Sunday when through Pullman cars from Huntington to Washington will be established on train No. 6, leaving Huntington at 10:10 a. m. Hereafter Pullman cars have been operated from Huntington to Washington.

MENINGITIS IS FATAL TO CEREDO RESIDENT

Roy Horton, 22, of Ceredo, died of spinal meningitis. He was a Mason at Woodman and an Eagle.

He is survived by the widow, formerly Miss Nina Sayre, two small sons, Harold and Roy, Jr., and a sister, Miss Imogene Morrison of Ashland.

SAVINGS IN U. S. BREAK RECORDS

New York.—Savings bank deposits throughout the United States in 1920 eclipsed all previous records.

Statistics made public by the New York Savings Bank Association of the State of New York showed that deposits in the 655 savings institutions January 1 last totaled \$55,432,389,994, an increase of 9.38 per cent in the total for the previous January year, 1919.

The 419 banks in the New England States had deposits of \$2,112,627,421, representing an increase of 7.55 per cent.

In the Eastern States deposits in the 198 institutions at the beginning of the new year amounted to \$3,186,589,906, an increase of 10.78 per cent. The twenty-one mutual savings banks in the Middle Western states reported an increase in deposits of \$10,551,958. The greatest individual gain in this group was made by Ohio, with an increase for the year of \$3,302,655. Wisconsin made the greatest percentage of increase, 25.66.

In the Pacific Coast states the increase was 6.99 per cent. California showed a gain of 6.07 per cent and Washington 12.48.

For the Southern States the association did not give detailed figures, but quoted only the figures from one mutual savings bank in West Virginia. The ratio of increase, 11.84 per cent over last year, lead many sections of the country.

SPRING CLEANING.

A former citizen of Louisa was recently heard to say that Louisa was the prettiest town in the State and he hoped with the street paving would come civic pride. He is anxious to see the citizens try to see which could have the cleanest and best kept lawns and especially did he want to see the rubbish and trash in every backyard cleaned up, the court house fence either kept up or removed and the court house lot leveled up and sown in grass.—Contributed.

SEED FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Editor, Big Sandy News, Louisa, Kentucky.

Dear Sir: I am forwarding to you a few hundred packages of vegetable and flower seed for distribution through your office, and trust that same will reach you without delay.

Although the Congressional allotment of seed this season is more limited than it was last year, I have been able to secure several hundred additional packages of vegetable seed from one of my colleagues, which enables me to furnish you with a fairly liberal supply.

Very truly yours,

W. J. FIELDS.

PARDONED BY GOVERNOR.

Frankfort, Ky.—Governor Morrow pardoned Robert Smith, a Rowan county youth, serving a one-year term for house-breaking. His mother is in a dying condition and the Governor said he felt that the boy should be set free to go to her.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Board of Supervisors is in session this week looking after the business of the assessments of the county. The members present are T. S. Thompson, J. H. Thompson, J. B. Clayton and Robt. Vinson. S. H. Burton failed to serve.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT TO C. & O. CONDUCTOR MR. GENE DAVIS

A most distressing railway accident took place at Shelby on the C. & O. main line fifteen miles above Pikeville at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon when Mr. Gene Davis, C. & O. conductor, fell beneath the train. One leg was crushed off and the other one badly broken.

Mr. Davis was conductor on extra freight No. 440 east bound and the accident happened as he swung off the train as it was slowing up for the Shelby stop. No one seems to know just how it happened but in some manner Mr. Davis slipped, and both legs went under the moving train with the results as above mentioned.

Mr. Davis was placed on a special train and rushed through to Ashland. Mr. Davis has been an employee of the C. & O. for a number of years and is well and favorably known throughout this entire section. His host of friends are shocked at the tragic accident and all will join in expressing the hope that his life may be saved.—Ashland Independent.

Gene Davis, conductor on the Big C. & O. railroad, is reported at the King's Daughters' hospital today in fair condition. The special train bringing Mr. Davis from Shelby where he was fatally hurt in a fall from his train at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, reached Ashland about six o'clock. The injured man was rushed to the hospital where at 6:30 the left leg was amputated above the knee. Mr. Davis' right leg was fractured in two places above the knee and he sustained a broken collar bone and severe bruises about the body. Attending surgeons report him not yet recovered from the shock, and it is impossible to predict the outcome of his terrible injuries.—Independent.

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GRIFFITH INDICTED BY MARSHALL JURY

Moundsville, W. Va.—The Marshall county grand jury indicted W. G. Griffith for the murder of Henry Lewis, a fellow-convict in the West Virginia penitentiary. Lewis was slain when Griffith in escaping from the prison last January was opposed by his fellow-convict, Griffith in his flight down the Ohio river is alleged to have murdered him Roush of Mason county, and he has been indicted by the grand jury for the crime.

Mrs. Henry Lang Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Lucretia Banks Lang, wife of Henry Lang, of Catlettsburg, died last Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Kate Tillman in Louisa. She had been ill about a year with tuberculosis and at her request was brought to this place only a few days before her death. She is 28 years old and is survived by her husband and three children, Joe, John and Lucretia, also her mother, three sisters and two brothers. The body was taken to Catlettsburg Sunday morning to the home of her mother. Funeral services were conducted there Tuesday morning by Rev. W. C. Pierce, pastor of the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Lang was a member.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR LOUISA

Articles of incorporation were filed in the Clerk's office of Lawrence County Court March 14, for the establishing of the Louisa Hospital Association with a capital stock of \$25,000. C. L. Miller, O. W. Atkinson, of Louisa, and Frank T. Snyder of Lexington as incorporators. We understand that the residence of G. W. Atkinson has been purchased for that purpose and will within the next two months be open for business with Dr. Ira Wellman in charge.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

W. R. Hewlett, 43, Yatesville, to Leota Burchett, 22, Yatesville.
Henry Travis, 33, Wilbur, to Lillie Easton, 36, Louisa.
Samuel Patton, 17, Richardson, to Laura Preston, 21, Patrick.
Fred Thompson, 28, Noris, to Nora Scarberrry, 18, Charley.
Hubert Moore, 18, Ledocio, to Julia McKinister, 16, Noris.
Albert Burnette, 29, Twin Branch, W. Va., to Sallie Duncan, 23, Twin Branch, W. Va.

D. K. DAWSON DEAD.

D. King Dawson died at his home near Fort Gay, W. Va., Wednesday night. He was 74 years of age. Burial will take place at two o'clock Friday afternoon in the Bartram graveyard.

REQUISITION ISSUED.

Frankfort, Ky.—Requisition was issued for the extradition from Matewan, W. Va., of Pat Fulkerson, wanted in Louisville for deserting his twin babies.

NOTICE.

Regular meeting of Louisa Chapter No. 95, R. A. M. on Friday night, March 18th, at 6:30. Work in M. E. M. and R. A. degrees. Refreshments. Wm. M. FULKERSON, Sec.

JONES-SIMPSON.

Norris Walter Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Simpson of Pradis, and Mrs. Helen St. Claire Jones were married recently. The bride is the daughter of W. E. Brown, of Tip Top, Va. They will live at Elk Horn City.

ASHLAND CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE

The Centenary Methodist Church, South of East Ashland, of which the Rev. I. N. Egan is pastor, was badly damaged by fire Sunday afternoon. Services were held at the church in the morning and it is not known how the fire originated. As the fire was between the roof and ceiling it was difficult for the firemen to cope with the flames and the loss by water and fire was about \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

FORD PLACES ORDER WITH LETCHER COUNTY MINE

Whitesburg, Ky.—Orders just placed by Henry Ford, Detroit, with the Imperial Elkhorn Coal Co. at Sargent, this county, will insure a full-time run of that mine. There is considerable idleness, however, still reported among some companies in the Elkhorn fields. Some of the plants are not operating more than two or three days a week.

FOUR COTTAGES NEAR ASHLAND ARE BURNED

Four families are homeless at Polard, a suburb of Ashland, as a result of a \$10,000 fire one night last week. Four cottages and their contents being destroyed. Matt Adams lost his home. John McDowell, in whose house the fire started, was unable to save his household goods or his home. Ben Clarke saved a small part of his effects. Very little insurance was carried.

REWARDS ARE OFFERED FOR ALLEGED SLAYERS

Governor Morrow has offered a \$250 reward for the arrest of John Flannery, charged in Letcher county with having killed Wiley W. Jenkins at Whitesburg on Feb. 26. He also offered a \$250 reward for Robert Isom and \$100 for Burnett Isom, accused of slaying Solomon Hampton in Letcher county.

PROPOSED ROAD FROM PINEVILLE TO WILLIAMSON

Pineville, Ky.—B. A. Worthington, president of the C. I. & W. Railroad, and M. E. Mogg, both of Indianapolis, interested in a proposed railroad from Pineville to Williamson, W. Va., will confer with the Pineville Chamber of Commerce early in April.

The visit here will be in answer to an invitation from the Pineville Club which has withheld endorsement of the project until more definite information is available.

The new road according to Frank Fitzgibbons, who has been doing field work for the Indianapolis men, will start from Middleboro, go north thru Pineville and the famous Red Bird district on the Watershed between Bell, Clay and Leslie Counties into Hazen, thence to Hazard.

The route from Hazard to Wayland has not been announced but many believe the most logical route would be up Carra Fork and down Caney Fork of Beaver Creek. The route from Wayland to Williamson has not been determined.

Mr. Fitzgibbons has been in the field several months seeking concessions from land owners for right of way. The financial status of the project as well as the tonnage to be reached will be taken up in detail with the promoters here in April, at which time the Chamber of Commerce will determine its position relative to assisting the project through Bell county.

Matewan Murder Trial May Reach Jury Saturday

Williamson, W. Va.—Sixteen defendants in the Matewan battle trial were called to listen to Judge Bailey read instructions to the jury late Wednesday afternoon signifying that the beginning of the end of the trial was in sight. Upon request of the state the court instructed the jury to find not guilty J. C. McCoy, a defendant charged with being implicated in the death of Albert C. Felts, who was slain with six other Baldwin-Felts detectives in the battle in the streets of Matewan last May.

Captain S. B. Avis announced for the prosecution, that although a state witness testified that he had seen McCoy on the day of the fight grab a rifle and start for Matewan from his home in Kentucky opposite the mining town, the state had failed to produce any evidence that the defendant was actually engaged in the shooting.

The seventh week of the trial has ended.

It is thought the case will reach the jury by Saturday. It was decided that each side be allowed fifteen hours for argument.

No other criminal cases are to be tried at this time of court. All the regular jurors were excused when the Matewan trial began.

Civil matters will be disposed of before court adjourns. Arch Williams defendant was permitted to go to his home at Matewan to attend the funeral of his three year old boy.

NEW MILL AND CONTRACTORS ARE BUYING STOCK

The new finishing mill and contracting business announced in the NEWS heretofore is getting well along toward a start. A considerable amount of the lumber has been bought and the machinery and equipment will be on the road very soon.

The promoters, C. L. Hawkins and H. H. Queen, will move to Louisa as soon as their constant services are needed. Mr. Hawkins has been purchasing agent for the Consolidation Coal Company for a long time and Mr. Queen has been superintendent of construction for that company ever since it started the large operation at Van Lear. Both are resigning these good positions to engage in this new business enterprise. They are competent men who have proved their worth by the successful manner in which they have handled the work for the Consolidation.

The new company will have an authorized capital of \$50,000, according to our information, most of which has been bought by themselves and a few of their friends.

The site recently purchased is adjacent to the railroad yards in Louisa. A side track close enough to meet present demands is already in.

All kinds of building lumber will be made to order or kept in stock. Also supplies for builders. Houses will be built by contract.

This enterprise promises to develop into one of considerable magnitude. At a meeting of the stockholders held last week, the following officers and directors were elected: C. L. Hawkins, president; H. H. Queen, vice-president and general manager; C. T. Britton, secretary-treasurer; M. F. Conley and W. A. Smith.

MEMBER OF FAMILY OF EIGHTEEN SUCCEUMBS

Whitesburg, Ky.—Mahala Webb Hays, 81 years old, one of the oldest women of the Pound River section of Wayne county and a member of a family of eighteen, died at her home following an extended illness, leaving many descendants and relatives in Eastern Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia. Among the brothers residing in this county are N. M. Webb, postmaster here and editor of the Mountain Eagle, John S. Webb, Thornton, Walter Webb, Ben P. Webb, W. B. Webb, Sergeant, and N. R. Webb, McRoberts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO MEET AT OAKVIEW

The Ashland District Sunday School Institute of the M. E. Church South will be held at Oakview church, Ashland, March 28th and 29th.

There will be three sessions, one Monday afternoon, Monday night, and one Tuesday morning. Mr. M. W. Brabham, of Nashville, Tenn., the rural specialist for this denomination, is to be one of the speakers, and will attend the entire time. Mr. Brabham is one of the most practical Sunday School men anywhere in the land. No school in Ashland district can afford to miss this great meeting. No pains have been spared in making this institute a helpful gathering to all who may attend.

Mrs. Kate Conley Dies in Joplin, Missouri

Mrs. Kate Conley, widow of Harmon Conley, passed away at her home in Joplin, Missouri, last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. The cause of her death was apoplexy. She had been in failing health quite a while. She was about eighty years of age.

Before marriage Mrs. Conley was Miss Kate Wheeler, of Paintsville. Soon after the Civil War Mr. and Mrs. Conley moved to Missouri. Their last visit to Kentucky relatives was several years ago.

The surviving members of their family are one daughter and three sons, all prominent business men in the west.

MAYOR OF LOGAN DIES.

Funeral services for Charles Avis, prominent Logan county attorney and mayor of Logan, who died at his home Monday, were held Thursday morning at the home of his sister in Huntington.

Mr. Avis was born in Logan county 42 years ago and lived there all of his life. In addition to his law practice he was interested in many commercial enterprises of the county, taking an active part in the development of the coal industry. He had served in the state legislature and at the time of his death was mayor of Logan and a member of the school board.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Miss Nellie Justice of Huntington, three children, Hugh, Catherine, Florence and the parents.

PIKE COUNTY GIRL DIES.

Miss Lula Lockard, 19, of Canada, Pike-co, died at Camp Sherman where she had been employed the previous two weeks. She was the daughter of Henry Lockard. The funeral was held at the home of her sister in Williamson.

ON FEDERAL JURY.

Thirteen Wayne county men have been chosen to serve as jurors at the April term of Federal court which convenes in Huntington on April 5th.

NEW NONPARTISAN SCHOOL BOARDS FORMED IN STATE

Frankfort, Ky., March 5.—The new nonpartisan county boards of education organized today throughout the State, and some of them elected County Superintendents to succeed the incumbents, whose terms expire December 31. The boards are composed of five members elected from the county-at-large and they draw lots for the terms of one, two, three, four and five years, as one trustee will be elected each year hereafter.

The County Superintendents cease to be a county officer with this year and the board may select a superintendent from anywhere. It is expected that most of the present county superintendents will be elected, as few other qualify under the law, requiring either several years experience as a superintendent or special training in administration and supervision as well as scholarship.

District lines now are subject to the arbitrary power of the county board as they are in cities and teachers are elected by the board recommendation of the superintendent.

BREATHITT COUNTY MAN SHOT BY STATION AGENT

Lexington, Ky.—Silas Jones of Athol, Breathitt county, was brought to a hospital here suffering from five bullet wounds, two in his left side, two in his arm and one in his neck, following a gun duel with Floyd Lucas, station agent at Athol. Witnesses state that Jones struck Lucas on the head and fired one shot at him before the agent drew his gun.

FRANCE TO BEAUTIFY U. S. HEROES' GRAVES

Washington.—The French government will pay homage to the American hero dead of the world war by contributing to the enlargement and beautifying of the American military cemeteries at Belleau Wood and Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon.

BIG OIL WELL IN WAYNE COUNTY

The Wayne County (W. Va.) News says:

Authentic announcement that a 57-barrel gusher oil well came in a few days ago on Milum Creek, about five miles from Dunlow, was received in Wayne Wednesday.

The well is located about one-fourth of a mile from the gusher which was struck on Milum several months ago.

When the late well was struck oil spouted over the derrick and flowed down Milum into Twelve Pole. Tanks have been filed up to save as much as possible of the oil, and arrangements are now under way to pipe the output.

The theory is advanced by some that the Milum field is a part of the Kentucky fields which are now being operated. If there is any truth in this theory, it is possible that the intervening section of Wayne county between Milum and the Kentucky line may share in a great oil development.

Delegations Present Arguments to Road Board

Frankfort, March 14.—The commission today heard arguments for the alternate routes through Carter county from Olive Hill to the Rowan line on the Midland Trail. One route parallels the Chesapeake & Ohio and would afford, it was contended, an outlet for Elliott county by a connecting road. The proponents of this route offer three limestone quarries free, and insist that it would serve ten times the population, which goes by way of Tygart along Flat Fork. The Flat Fork people insist that they need a road more and their route would open up a country now cut off from communication.

Harlan county representatives appeared in behalf of the Mayo Trail from Lynch to the Bell county line. The county has \$125,000 to contribute for Federal aid. Work is being done in Bell on the Pineville-Harlan road and the commission is certain that Federal aid will be obtained for the Harlan end of it, but doubts whether the Federal department will approve construction up Poor Fork in the direction of Lynch this year.

Surveys will be made up Poor Fork, however, preparatory to undertaking that work next year if it cannot be begun this summer. Part of the survey toward Bell county is completed and Harlan expects to vote on another \$600,000 bond issue. There is a State project from Harlan by way of Benham and Lynch to Appalachia, Va.

The Federal Bureau of Highways is insisting on maintaining the continuity of the highways and for this reason it is expected that its engineers may insist on confining efforts this summer to linking up Harlan and Bell, as the Eastern Dixie will be in passable condition by midsummer and Boone Trail leads off from that at London to Barboursville and Pineville where it strikes the Mayo Trail to Harlan, Whitesburg and over the division to Sandy Valley.

The Lawrence county project squabble, one phase of which is in the Court of Appeals on a motion to enjoin a county appropriation for the Mayo Trail, was presented again in the commission today. A delegation from Lawrence and Johnson, were present to protest the engineers' selection of the Georges creek route and urge that the trail through Lawrence run toward the Blaine creek section.—Courier Journal.